



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 616

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law prohibits a person from giving, selling, or delivering to any prisoner any alcoholic beverages, unless medically indicated. A prisoner also is prohibited from using intoxicating liquor. [See ss. 302.37 (2) and 303.75 (1m) and (2), Stats.]

Assembly Bill 616 provides that a member of the clergy may possess a reasonable amount of wine in a prison, jail, or house of correction if the wine is intended to be used in a religious service. The clergy member also may give or deliver a reasonable amount of wine to an inmate and an inmate may consume that wine as part of the religious service.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 616 deletes the reference to “a reasonable amount” and provides that the clergy member may possess no more than two ounces of wine in an institution.

The Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

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